

giveness are mentioned in connection with Jesus, which show what was in the heart of God for man; but after the resurrection of Jesus, when the ground of forgiveness had been laid in righteousness through His death, the disciples were commissioned to preach repentance and remission of sins the world over. The door was now open to all. They were to begin at Jerusalem—the very place where they had betrayed and murdered the Son of God. The blood that was shed by wicked hands could wash away the very guilt that drove the spear to the Saviour's heart. It cleanses from all sin. In virtue of it, God is righteous to forgive *all who believe*. And the good news was to be proclaimed *everywhere*—proclaimed to *all nations*.

Repentance is associated with it, because the message was to be addressed to *sinners*, and God expects guilty men to own the truth as to their condition. He must have *truth* in the inward parts. Hence if we stand before God for forgiveness of sins, we must stand there according to truth, as confessedly guilty and self-judged sinners. It is such, God meets at the mercy-seat, to absolve them from their sins.

The message of forgiveness was to be preached *in Jesus' name*. *Jesus* had wrought the work of redemption. *Jesus* had made atonement. *Jesus* had glorified God, and finished the work given Him to do, and it was to *Jesus* all power

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